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West Point Power House Visitor Center reopens

MOBILE, Ala.-The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at West Point Project announced that the Power House Visitor Center at the dam will re-open to the public on Aug. 29, 2011. The Power House Visitor Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. The facility will be closed to the public on weekends and most federal holidays.

Because this is the first time the Power House Visitor Center has been open to the public in almost 10 years, access to the visitor center is available Labor Day Weekend Sept. 3 - 5, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Park Rangers are scheduled to offer limited tours each day at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Space for each guided tour is limited. After Labor Day, the Power House will return to normal operating hours, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and closed to the public on weekends and most federal holidays.

Displays inside the visitor center at the powerhouse show the advantages of alternate forms of energy, hydroelectric power generation, conservation of natural resources and provide an overview of flood control operations at West Point Dam.

Group tours of the West Point Dam are available by appointment. Organized tours must be during normal operating hours, be scheduled in advance, and have a minimum of 10 people. Tours are offered on a space available basis. Group tour organizers may call the Project Management Office at 706-645-2937 to schedule a group tour.

The Power House Visitor Center is located at the West Point Dam. This visitor center should not be confused with the Project Management Office, which is located east of the West Point Dam and is open 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. seven days a week April through September each year. It is opened Monday through Friday, October – March.

For additional information about the West Point Project, please contact the Project Management Office at 706-645-2937, or visit West Point Lake's website at <http://westpt.sam.usace.army.mil/>.